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1. REFS A AND B REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR MESSRS. DONALD WEATHERBEE AND PAUL KATTENBURG OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO VISIT INDONESIA FOR PERIODS JUNE 1-21 AND JUNE 1-6 RESPECTIVELY IN CONNECTION WITH UNCLASSIFIED ISA RESEARCH GRANT ON "NORTH VIETNAM AND THE SECURITY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA." BOTH SCHOLARS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TALKING WITH US OFFICIALS.

2. REFTELS ALSO ASK EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN
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HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

3. BEFORE DECISION TO APPROACH ANY GOI OFFICIALS OR INDONESIAN ACADEMICIANS ON THIS MATTER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO QUERIES WE EXPECT TO BE RAISED, NAMELY:

A) WHAT IS NATURE OF ISA RESEARCH GRANT UNDER WHICH SCHOLARS WORKING AND WHAT WILL RESULT OF THEIR RESEARCH BE (I.E. STUDY WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED, STUDY TO BE SUBMITTED ONLY TO ISA, ETC.)?

B) WHAT IS REASON WEATHERBEE WISHES TO TRAVEL TO PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITIES IN MEDAN, YOGYAKARTA AND UJUNG PANDANG (MAKASSAR)? TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO INDONESIANS IN THESE PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITIES WITH PARTICULAR EXPERTISE OR INTEREST IN NORTH VIETNAM AND ITS PLANS/POLICIES TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA.

4. WE FEEL WE NEED ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS BECAUSE, AS DEPARTMENT EXARE, THERE CAN BE GREAT SENSITIVITY ON PART OF GOI TO RESEARCH BY FOREIGN SCHOLARS -- AND THERE IS PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY REGARDING ALL FACETS OF INDONESIA'S RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM DUE TO ITS PARTICIPATION IN ICCS. SUCH SENSITIVITIES LIKELY BE EVEN MORE ACUTE IN CASE OF "RESEARCH" BEING DONE UNDER GRANT TO USG. WITHOUT CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF PURPOSE OF RESEARCH, TYPE OF GRANT AND RESULTS EXPECTED FROM RESEARCH, GOI OFFICIALS AND

ACADEMICIANS COULD WELL FEEL RESTRAINED FROM

DISCUSSING THIS DELICATE SUBJECT IN ANY BUT MOST GENERAL WAY.

5. WHILE WE PLAN, WHEN RAISING WITH GOI OFFICIALS, INDICATE SCHOLARS PLANNING COME TO INDONESIA FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS, IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT GOI WILL INSIST THAT THEY GET FORMAL CLEARANCE FROM LIPI (NATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUE) NORMALLY REQUIRED OF ALL RESEARCHERS.
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